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MEMORANDUM FOR: Executive Director

FROM: Thomas A. Twetten
Deputy Director for Operations

SUBJECT: Declassification of JFK
Assassination Documents

REFERENCE: Memorandum from Executive Director, dated
13 April 1993, Same Subject (ER 93-2248)

1. Your referenced memorandum has asked that the Directorate of Operations take steps to speed up the process of reviewing JFK records.

2. I had earlier been made aware of the slow pace of the DO review (the ratio of HRG to DO officers was 10 to 1) and I have taken action to alleviate the resulting backlog. On 12 April, the DO work force reviewing these materials was increased to the full time equivalent of four persons. Barring any unforeseen difficulties, we anticipate that our increased effort will eliminate the 57,000 page backlog before the end of June. The DO officers currently involved in this review can then turn their collective attention to the additional 135,000 pages to be completed by 22 August 1993.

3. I am hopeful that the extra resources will turn the tide. With this in mind, this Directorate will reexamine the progress of the workforce by mid-May and decide on the feasibility of additional help. Because I have detailed these officers to this project from the FOIA effort, you also need to be aware that my FOIA response capability has been severely strained. A decrease in FOIA case output is inevitable, resulting in one Congressionally mandated effort being in competition with another.

4. I believe that the efforts to protect DO sources and methods have been entirely justified thus far, particularly our determination to protect liaison involvement, covert employees' names, sources' identities and locations of stations worldwide. I understand considerable concessions have been made already which depart from the DO's normal withholding criteria, such as the release of many officers' names and the contents of intelligence and operational reporting.

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5. While the JFK procedures do not set a precedent for current and future FOIA cases, I expect the treatment given to JFK documents will inevitably affect the criteria used in other release projects/investigations in the future. We cannot afford to be imprudent about protecting DO sources and methods in this or any future circumstance.

6. The DO coordination officers have been reminded of their responsibility to be responsive to the letter and the spirit of the JFK Act. They are fully prepared to meet the standard of demonstrating damage to the national security should any withholding be challenged.



Thomas A. Twetten

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Tom

I have given Don Cryan a copy of this He will respond ASAP

ErDie is not right about some of his criticism and we will make these points correcting the ErDie's paper.

You might remember that Cryan has a plan to put us on the same level of compliance as historical staff by June T.

